



GREAT BATTLE

Impending Conflict Now Certain.

EFFECT ON ENGLAND

Admiral Beresford of England Predicts Annihilation of Russians

MATTER OF A FEW DAYS

Prediction That the Japanese and Russian Fleets Will Meet in a Few Days in Greatest Battle in the History of Wars of the World.

New York, May 17.—Admiral Beresford, one of the best posted admirals on national warfare, says:

The Russian and Japanese fleets will meet in a few days. Japan will win. The slaughter of men in that battle will be so great as to startle the world. The only redeeming feature of the fight will be the fact that there will be no more wars for years. The horrors will be great.

Japan's defeat, however, would not mean England's defeat, as many suppose. Japan was forced into this war and has something besides grabbing territory to fight for. The reason I think Japan will win in the coming fight is that she is the greatest gunner of the two. There is nothing in numbers. The secret of success in naval battles lies in placing one's ship to advantage, and letting the gunners do the rest. Japan will win the fight by getting the superior position and firing the greater number of telling shots, even though Russia has the greatest number of ships.

We are not likely to have any great wars for many years after this. England and America hold the secret of peace. If these two nations should mass their fleets, no other country or group of countries would dare fight them. England and America must come together on that question. War with all its shocking loss of life has begun to make thinking people ponder. A united fleet, one bunting, one language, one spirit of patriotism, a combination of the two only nations of the world which have volunteers, navies and armies, instead of a conscript system, would be able to keep peace.

The peace of this country and England have more to say regarding the question of war than government or autocrats.

FIRE ON A LAUNCH.

Three Prominent Citizens Compelled to Jump Overboard.

New York, May 17.—A launch on which were John S. Huxley, his son-in-law and three other men, were about to board a steam yacht in the Hudson, caught fire. Oil in the bottom of the launch became ignited a moment after leaving the dock and the blaze spread quickly to the bow. Mr. Huxley and two others sitting there were compelled to jump overboard to save themselves. All were good swimmers, and had little difficulty in reaching shore.

For a few moments it was feared the blaze would reach the oil tanks and cause the launch to explode, but a line was thrown from the pier and the flames extinguished in time to avert a serious accident.

KIDNAPED A BOY.

Mother Receives a Letter from Her Son Who Was Kidnaped.

Pawtucket, R. I., May 17.—Mrs. Catherine Meehan of this city has received a letter bearing the signature of her 10-year-old son Joseph, who has been missing since April 20, 1904. The letter was dated May 16, and stamped in the local office at noon of that date, indicating that the boy, or the person implicated in his disappearance is in this city or vicinity.

The letter was given to the police and a detective was assigned to the case in an endeavor to trace the person who posted the letter.

The letter which Mrs. Meehan says is in the handwriting of her son, states that its author was kidnaped by a man who said he did so because the boy was very pretty, and because he had been abused by a playmate. The child could not give his abductor's name or residence and the police thus far have made no progress in the matter.

PAROLE GRANTED.

Russian Captain Given Permission to Return Home.

San Francisco, May 17.—Captain A. N. Rubhagoff of the Russian auxiliary cruiser Lena, which has been detained at Mare island by this government for several months, is about to leave for St. Petersburg. While there he will be summoned by the naval minister. A request for a parole for the captain was recently made by the Russian authorities, and he has been advised by the secretary of state that he is free to return to St. Petersburg at his earliest convenience.

HANGS ONTO HIS TAIL.

Chinaman Sentenced to 90 Days to Retain His Queue.

St. Louis, May 17.—Judge Rogers of the United States district court has issued an order allowing N. G. Jung, a Chinaman, convicted and sentenced to a term of 90 days in the Missouri penitentiary for passing a raised \$10 bill to retain his queue while serving his sentence. Judge Rogers says that the retention of his queue was a matter of religion and he will be the first prisoner who has been confined in the state penitentiary who has not first been shorn.

DESPERATE BATTLE

Several Men Injured and Three Probably Drowned.

TROUBLE BETWEEN SAILORS

Trouble Occurred on Board Steamer Centennial Between Longshoremen's Union and a Crew of Tacoma Sailors Employed in Loading Vessel.

Tacoma, May 17.—A desperate battle occurred on the decks of the steamer Centennial tonight in which several men were slightly injured and three are thought to have been drowned. The Centennial from San Francisco via Seattle, brought from the latter port a gang of 18 men to work the ship's cargo here. Owing to existing trouble between the sailors' union and the longshoremen's union, Capt. Pierce had been threatened with a boycott by the sailors if he employed Tacoma longshoremen and hence he hired a crew at Seattle.

When the steamer arrived in port about 200 longshoremen boarded her, armed with clubs, bills, pistols and other weapons. The Seattle men were beaten wherever found and some 20 shots were fired before order was restored.

REFRIGERATOR CARS.

Rock Island Railroad Contract for 1,700 New Ones.

Chicago, May 17.—The Rock Island Railroad Company has contracted for 1700 refrigerator cars.

The recent inquiry into the private refrigerator car lines by the interstate commerce commission and the conditions revealed is said to be responsible for the action of the Rock Island Company.

The Rock Island system will inaugurate its own refrigerator car service in the fruit and produce trade of the west and south.

PAID THE PENALTY.

Assassin of Grand Duke Serigus Has Been Executed.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the London News Agency from St. Petersburg says, Ivan Faleiev, who assassinated Duke Serigus, was executed today.

ABOUT ENDED

Amicable Settlement of Chicago Strike.

WILL BE CALLED OFF

President Gompers Believed to Have Arranged Terms of Settlement.

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Differences Will Be Submitted to a Board of Arbitration and Pending Decision Strike Will Be Declared Off and Strike Virtually Settled.

Chicago, May 17.—It is highly probable that within the next 48 hours will see the end of the teamsters' strike in Chicago, although none of the leaders acknowledge this to be a fact. It is generally understood that a program for calling off the strike has already been arranged.

Tomorrow a meeting will be held between the teamsters' joint council and a committee representing the team owners' association. It will be made plain to the teamsters that the business interests of the team owners render it imperative that the boycott be lifted. Then it will be agreed, by the team owners and teamsters' joint council that the team owners make deliveries to boycotted houses and the question with the union drivers will be submitted to arbitration. This arbitration is to concern only the team owners' association and the teamsters, the members of the employers' association being in no manner interested in it in an official sense. Pending the decision of this board of arbitration the strike will be called off and such members of the teamsters' union as are able to obtain their old situations will return to work.

This will end the strike entirely with the exception of the strike against Montgomery Ward & Co., and it is not expected that aggressive measures will be adopted by either side, the trouble in this direction will be allowed to die out gradually.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was very active today in all efforts made toward settling the strike. He conferred with the members of the team owners' association and held a conference with the teamsters, and had an extended talk with Mayor Dunne. He expressed himself as confident that the strike would be adjusted within a few days.

OVATION TO GENERAL PORTER.

Tendered a Farewell Banquet in Paris Last Evening.

Paris, May 17.—General Porter, retiring American ambassador, was given a notable farewell banquet tonight which for sumptuousness of appointments and distinguished character of guests present has not been exceeded by anything of the kind held in recent years in Paris.

Practically the entire diplomatic corps was represented. The American guests numbered several hundred. The speech of General Porter brought out a tremendous ovation, the entire assemblage rising and cheering.

BOWEN VS. LOOMIS.

Charges Against Secretary Being Investigated by President.

Washington, May 17.—Developments in the Loomis-Bowen inquiry today were few, but interesting. Bowen called upon Secretary Taft and was shown the state department correspondence on the subject of rumors in Caracas relative to Loomis. Bowen stated, after looking over the papers that the letters from president Castro to Loomis, relative to arrangements with the American syndicate and assignment of claims of Venezuela by Mr. Barrett were missing. Taft and Loomis upon learning that Bowen had

copies of the missing papers agreed to receive Bowen's copies for the purpose of the investigation. Bowen's position now is, that he has done his duty and will rest the case, allowing the government to determine whether an investigation is necessary.

FERRYBOAT ACCIDENT.

Lives of 2000 Passengers Imperilled by Running in Dock.

San Francisco, May 17.—The lives of over 2000 passengers, mostly men and children on the way to an annual picnic of St. Dominic's church, were endangered today by an accident to the ferryboat Tamalpais. Running at full speed the boat with her engines entirely beyond control, she crushed into the dock, ripping out piles and woodwork and throwing the passengers into a wild panic.

A break to the engine is responsible for the accident. When the captain gave the signal to slow down, 100 yards from the ferry slip, the levers gave way and the boat ran at full speed into the dock. The steamer struck with a terrible crash, but a hawser was thrown aboard and although the engines were still running at full speed the apron was lowered and the frightened crowd rushed ashore.

GAMBLING CLUB.

Private Club Organized in Spokane for Gambling Purposes.

Spokane, Wash., May 17.—The Pastime Club is the name of a new organization formed here for the purpose of carrying on open gambling in defiance of the state law making gambling a felony. Alex Winston, recently appointed assistant corporation counsel under the new administration, is said to have aided in the organization and to have approved the plans of the club.

ROJETSVENSKY ILL

Russian Admiral Unable to Command Squadron.

SO NOTIFIES THE EMPEROR

The Admiral's Health Has Been the Cause of Considerable Anxiety at St. Petersburg and If Compelled to Give Up Command, Will Be Dangerous.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—Very disquieting reports are in circulation this afternoon about Vice Admiral Rojetsvensky's health. It is said that he has telegraphed to the emperor that it is impossible for him to proceed. An evening paper prints a report that the admiral has suffered a nervous breakdown.

No official confirmation of the report that Rojetsvensky has requested to be relieved from duty is obtainable at the admiralty. Nevertheless, the admiral's health has been the cause of considerable anxiety here. It is well known that he suffered from kidney trouble before leaving Cronstadt, and throughout the long voyage to the far east he suffered at times to such an extent that he had to be carried about on a stretcher. But the Russian commander stuck bravely to his post. If he is now compelled on the eve of battle to give up his command the admiralty would regret it as little short of a national misfortune. Rojetsvensky has proved to be a genius as an organizer, and confidence is felt that he would show equal ability as a fighter. Should he be compelled to leave the fleet, the command will devolve on Rear Admiral Volkensam, who is now with Rojetsvensky.

PROMOTED TO 60 YEARS.

Major John F. Carrington Dismissed From the Army.

Manila, May 17.—Maj. John F. Carrington of the First infantry has been dismissed from the army as the result of a court-martial for misappropriation of government funds. It is understood his friends will petition the president to set aside the sentence imposed by the civil court, which amounted to a total of 60 years.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS.

New York Society Adopts Resolution for Establishment of House.

New York, May 17.—Resolutions for the establishment of a department of fine arts at Washington have been adopted by the Society of Beaux Arts Architecture, the members of which hope to start a movement that will be taken up by every organization of architects, sculptors, artists and others interested in the development of fine arts throughout the United States. According to the promptness of the idea, the new department should have supervision of the construction of new postoffice buildings, custom houses, and other government structures as well as the supervision of the develop-

FLEETS SAILS

Yacht Race Sails Across Atlantic.

ATLANTIC IS LEADING

Splendid Fleet of Sailing Yachts Leave Sandy Hook for Great Race.

ALL GOT A GOOD START

Favorable Wind Assisted in Sending Them on Their Long Voyage of 3000 Miles Across the Sea for Emperor William's Prize.

New York, May 17.—The splendid fleet of sailing yachts swept across the starting line at Sandy Hook lightship at 12:12 p. m. today and with the queenly American schooner Atlantic leading the way, headed out on the broad Atlantic ocean on the race of 3000 miles to the English coast for the \$5000 cup offered by Emperor William of Germany. When last seen as they vanished into the mist they were strung out in a line six miles long hauling southeastward and pointing as nearly as possible to the wind that was square ahead. A quarter of a mile astern of the Atlantic was the 90-foot American yawl Ailsa, which was having a hot brush with the German schooner Hamburg, while all three of the leaders were slowly dropping the Philadelphia schooner Hildegrade. Next was Endymon, holder of the trans-Atlantic yachting record. Almost a mile astern Atlantic and more than half a mile astern of the Endymon, were the Thistle and Fleur de Lis. Strung out behind were the American bar, Apache, British topsail schooner Sunbeam and five miles astern of the leader was the three-masted schooner Utowana. Bringing up the rear was the British clipper ship Valhalla. These two had been delayed by a bad start.

Leadon skies, low hanging mist-laden clouds and moderate east wind were the unfavorable conditions under which the great trans-oceanic race started and the three big square rigged vessels were handicapped at the very start, for at beating to windward in a light air their spreading course and bulging topsails could not be compared with the hard fitting fore and aft canvases of the trim schooners. Weather prophets declare that it is unlikely that the racers will be in for a day or two against more moderate head winds. If the forecast is fulfilled, nothing but half a gale of wind from astern will save the big Valhalla from defeat.

New York, May 17.—Representatives of the Panama republic have formally dedicated their navy at a shipyard in South Brooklyn. The force afloat consists of the steam yacht Orient, commanded by Capt. T. T. Lovelace, formerly of Kansas City. The yacht was recently purchased from a New York man for \$30,000 and has been thoroughly overhauled preparatory to taking up the duty of guarding the eastern coast of the isthmus.

For the occasion of hoisting the Panamanian ensign the Orienta was in gala dress and a large party went aboard headed by Carlos Arosemena, secretary of the legation.

Luncheon was served on board, after which the flag of the republic was brought from a locker and raised by Secretary Arosemena.

The emblem consists of four squares two of which, one in the upper left and the other in the lower right-hand corners, and two squares, one each of red and blue. In one of the white squares there is a single star of blue and in the other a red star.

The Orienta will leave for Colon on Thursday or Friday. Arriving there she will be fitted with two 3-pounder guns and two automatic rapid fire guns.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Message Received 315 Miles Out at Sea.

San Francisco, May 17.—The Pacific coast record for long distance wireless telegraphing has been broken. It is claimed, by a local wireless message received from 315 miles out at sea. The communication came from the government transport Solace, which left his port Monday, and was received over the magnetic detector. The next best record made, it is said, at the local station was when conversation was held with the Boston at a distance of 250 miles down the coast some six weeks ago.

ment of the national parks, designs for national monuments and the fostering and the development of the arts of the country itself.

S. B. P. Trowbridge, in offering the resolution which received the unanimous support of the 70 members present, declared that the time has come when there should be some recognition of the fine arts by the national authorities in this country, similar to that accorded in France, and other countries on the continent.

FRESHET IN ITALY.

Several Towns Inundated and Population Fleeing for Their Lives.

New York, May 17.—Most of the rivers in northern and central Italy are overflowing, owing to almost continuous rain during the last six days, according to a Rome dispatch to the Herald.

The Po has inundated the town of Moncalieri, a short distance from Turin. The inhabitants have abandoned the lower part of the town. The towns of Alessandria, Vicenza and Padua have also been flooded.

Thousands of acres of the province of Venice are under water, many of the bridges have collapsed, and great numbers of cattle swept away.

STILL ON THE SANDS.

Cunard Line Steamer Still Aground at Sandy Hook.

New York, May 17.—At 5:30 o'clock the Cunard line steamer Caronia, which sailed yesterday afternoon for Liverpool with a distinguished passenger list, was still aground opposite the Sandy Hook beacon. Two tugs were trying to pull the liner off the bank. The wind was light. No damage to the ship is feared as the bottom in that part of the channel is soft sand.

PANAMA REPUBLIC

Representatives of Panama Dedicate Their Navy.

NAVY CONSISTS OF ONE YACHT

Yacht Orienta Comprising the Panama Navy Was the Scene of a Brilliant Assemblage in New York Where a Banquet Was Served to Visitors.

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